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MAJESTIES

Last most gracious MESSAGE

Of DECEMBER. 10. 1646.

TO THE
LORDS & COMMONS

Of the Parliament of ENGLAND

Assembled at *Westminster*:

And to the Commissioners of the Parli-
ament of SCOTLAND at *London*,
for a Personall Treaty.



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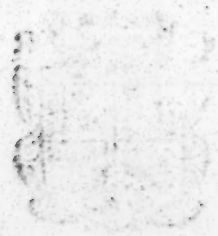
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IS Majesties thoughts
being alwayes sincere-
ly bent to the Peace of
His Kingdomes, was
and will be ever desi-
rous to take all wayes
which might the most
cleerly make appeare
the candour of His intentions to His peo-
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ple. And to this end could find no better way then to propose a Personall free debate with His two Houses of Parliament upon all the present differences. Yet finding very much against His expectations, that this offer was laid aside, His Majesty bent all His thoughts to make His intentions fully knowne by a particular Answer to the Propositions delivered to Him in the name of both Kingdomes, 24. July last. But the more He endeavoured it, He more plainly saw that any Answer He could make would be subject to mis-informations and mis-constructions, which upon His owne Paraphrases and Explanations He is most confident will give so good satisfaction, as would doubtlesse cause a happy and lasting Peace. Lest therefore that good intentions may produce ill effects, His Majesty againe proposeth, and desires againe to come to L O N D O N, or any of His Houses thereabouts, upon the Publike Faith and Security of His two Houses of Parliament, and the Scotch Commissioners, that He shall be there with Honour, Freedome and Safety; Where,

Where, by His Personall Presence, He may not onely raise a mutuall confidence betwixt Him and His People, but also have those doubts cleared, and those difficulties explained to Him, without which Hee cannot (but with the afore-said mischievous inconveniences) give a particular Answer to the Propositions: And with which He doubts not but so to manifest His reall intencions for the settling of Religion, the just priviledges of Parliament, with the Freedome and Property of the Subject, that it shall not be in the power of wicked and malicious men to hinder the establishing of that firme Peace which all honest men desire. Assuring them that as He will make no other Demands but such as He beleeves confidently to be just, and much conducing to the Tranquility of the People: So He will be most willing to condescend to them in whatsoever shall be really for their good and happinesse. Not doubting likewise but you will also have a due regard to maintaine the just Power of the

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Crowne, according to your many Protestations and Professions. For certainly except King and People have reciprocall care each of other, neither can be happy.

To conclude, 'tis your KING who desires to be heard, (the which if refused to a Subject by a King, he would be thought a Tyrant for it) and for that end which all men professe to desire. VVherefore His Majesty conjures you, as you desire to shew your selves really what you professe, even as you are good Christians and Subjects, that you will accept this His Offer, which He is confident God will so bleesse, that it will be the readiest meanes by which these Kingdomes may again become

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a comfort to their Friends, and a
terroure to their Enemies.

Newcastle, 20. Decemb. 1646.

*To the Speaker of the House of
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